ALONG THE SPORT LINE

EASTERN OWNERS SAN'T PAY FANCY SALARIES TO VETS

(Lowell Courier-Citizen.) Paying big salaries for big league reputations isn't a sound business proposition, as Jim Clarkin of Hartford and Andy Roach of Lowell have

We haven't seen either Hartford or Lowell payrolls, but a little bird tells us that both Lord and Wagner were receiving over \$400 a month for conductig losing ball teams.

Now, just a little delving will tell

you that \$400 a month for a manager s all out of proportion. It isn't in the to pay such salaries. Morton Plant of New London, being 70 times millionaire, might pass out such an amount and still manage to struggle slong, but the magnetes in the game for something more than glory can't stand the digging process indefinitely.

The team that pays a salary that should be sufficient for three good ball players is under a heavy handicap. That's precisely what Lowell and Hartford owners have been doing. Moreover, they paid for big league reputations—and that's about all. Both Lord and Wagner were found wanting as managers, and as players.

We don't blame the big leaguers to get all they can out of the minor leagues after their race is run under the big tent. If they can convince magnates that their services are worth big money, and the magnates are willing to pay, more power to 'em, and may they live long and prosper on mi-nor diamonds; but when their calible is correctly diagnosed by the famin-ized magnates and final pay envelopes are issued, let us hope that the departing ex-big leaguers accept the situation philosophically. Let's hear no hard luck stories of "We never got a chance," or "Gee, what a tough town to play in!" The player is wor-thy of his hire, but some managers

VETERAN BEEBE DOES COME-BACK AND WINS FOR CLEVELAND TEAM

Cleveland, June 27.-Fred Beebe who will be 36 years old next Decem-ber, was the Cleveland club's surprise terday. Beebs suddenly appeared out of nowhere, went into the box against Chicago, and scored a shutout, 2 to 0. Beebe allowed only three hits and only five men reached first and two got as far as second.

Beebe is a former National and International leaguer. He pitched for Buffalo last year, one of his achieveents being a no-hit-no-run game ments being a no-introduct the Uni-Until recently he coached at the Uni-versity of Indiana, and it was understood that he was to report to Buffalo. Beebe pitched for the Cubs in 1906 and in 1910 was with the Reds. In 1911 he was traded to Philadelphia.

DUSTER MAILS LOOKS LIKE GOOD PITCHER FOR BROOKLYN TEAM

New York, June 27-J. W. (Duster) Mails, the Robins young southpaw, has made a good impression on ances he has made in the box, and he quite a favorite with the rooters at

Seattle at the close of last season. The young pitcher sustained a torn ligament in his arm in an exhibition game shortly after the season opened. and was on the disabled list for sev eral weeks. He is now ready to pitch. and ought to be a big help to Uncle

ANNIVERSARIES OF RING BATTLES

1902-Joe Gans defeated George Mc-Fadden in three rounds at San Francisco. This was the last of the six battles between these two boys, who of Joe's career. In their first meeting 25 rounds of terrific battling. Then from Brooklyn or this side of the they fought a draw over the same bridge, route, and in the third contest McFad- The when he entered the ring, and wise old "Elbows" devoted all his atthat section of Joe's anatomy, with disastrous results for Gans. The next year Joe and George fought two short draws, and in 1902 they engaged in a six-round no-decision bout in Philadelphia. This was followed by the San Francisco affair, when Joe constrated his superiority over his

1909-Dick Hyland knocked out Leach Cross in the 41st round at Colma, Cal. This was the first time since his preliminary days that the Jewish lightweight was put to sleep, and the process was not repeated until last February when Milburn Saylor, of Indianapolis, knocked out the dentist fighter in the fifth round of a bout in Cincinnati. That defeat decided Leach to quit the game, and he has since returned to the dental chair. and engaged in the cloak and suit business as a side line. The Hyland-Cross battle at Colma was the only long contest of the Hebrew dentist's career, and in it he demonstrated that he was game to the core. Cross fought powerfully against one of the best long distance fighters in the lightweight division and kept it up for more than two hours before he finally succumbed. The bout was the hardest of Leach's long career. Cross is the only latter-day pugilist of prominence who is a real college graduate with a bona fide degree. He is a keen, bright Jew, who has no prejudice against money, but it is to be said for him that he always fought on the square and never figured in any oked schemes for separating the fans from their cash without giving an adequate return.

BIG ED WALSH, WHO FAILED TO COME BACK, SAYS HE'S THROUGH



Chicago, June 26 .- Ed Walsh is through. The famous spitball pitche who made such a pitiful effort to come back in a recent game against Washington has announced that he will never attempt to twirl another game in A short time ago Walsh believed he had recovered his old time form and asked Manager Rowland to give him a chance to pitch. The White Sox leader did, but the former great spitball slabbist was not there. From now on Walsh will act in the capacity of coach for the Sox twirlers. In his day Walsh was the greatest of all spitball twirlers. He was also one of the hardest korkers in the game. Picture shows Big Ed letting one of his

KAUFF'S TRIPLE IN FIRST GAME WINS FOR M'GRAW BOYS

New York, June 27 .- With 20,000 Ebbets Field. Mails, who is only 20 tled to a fifty-fifty split in their second the question of allowing them came slab years old, came to the Robins from double-header under clear skies at up before the board last winter, indi-Ebbets Field yesterday afternoon.

the Glants slugged their way to a thrilling vitory in the first tussle by a had no idea there was such a thing in

nings by a count of 2 to 1. The squeeze should be a meeting of the commission to rectify what he believed was shaw and Lew McCarty, proved the downfall of the Giants in the late Whitman believes that Public Serdownfall of the Giants in the late between the first and second game as there is between day and night. The would face criticism if he asked for negro volunteers when they are disrank among the greatest of light- early struggle was a free hitting conweight boxers. The black boy fought test which furnished many a thrill, Elbows" three times in 1899, and and which had the big crowd on its these were among the hardest bouts feet most of the time rooting wildly for either the Giants or Robins. It Gans wo? the decision at the end of all depended on whether you were

The Giants rolled up a six run lead won by a clean knockout in the at the expense of Jef Pfefer in the round. It was watermelon and first four innings only to have the Rob-ken that beat Gans, however, for ins come back and score eight times Kane, son of Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Kane after weighing in he stuffed himself with those delicacies beloved of the inning, with the bases full, two out and of the University of Pennsylvania negro heart. He was "sick to his tum- the Giants one run behind, Kauff team. Kane will report to the White slammed the ball up against the right Sox today prepared to play in the field wall for three bases. Such was Cleveland series. He probably will the first game in a nutshell.

> Rubes—Benton of the Glants and and renown for his diamond play.
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> Marquard of the Robins. Marquard pitched a brilliant game against his LIFE-LIKE BASEBALL former teammates, but no better than Benton, who was sacrificed for a pinch hitter in the twelfth when the Giants

had the bases full with two out. ton's good work went for nothing, with the secretary of the state.

ward third, Cutshaw dashed madly across the plate before McKechnie

could reach the ball. Marquard held the Giants to eight hits in the twelve innings and runless the shares of common stock.

after the first frame. The former New York pitcher was port, has organized. The officers are: some time, and Tinker suspended him seldom in trouble in this game, and President, Joseph L. Stempel, Stratfor the remainder of the season, just The former New York pitcher was showed at his best with men on the bases, and particularly in the first haif Bridgeport; secretary, Joseph Mihaly; Benton didn't get along with Herzog



TO REMOVE BAN ON MIXED FIGHTS

New York, June 27.—Bouts be whites and negroes, now prohibited, will be legalized by the Boxing Commission at a meeting to be held in Alfans, the biggest weekday gathering of bany tomorrow. Fred Kenck, chairthis or any other season in Brooklyn, man of the commission, who was the cated yesterday that it was the desire

In the second, the Robins turned the tables after twelve hard-fought in- he heard of it he decided that there

scrap. There was as much difference vice Commissioner William Hayward. criminated against in the ring.

MERIDEN BOY WHO WAS STAR AT PENN, TO JOIN

(Meriden Journal) Another Meriden boy becomes big play second or short, Kane was gradpitchers between the two celebrated a dentist with high rank in his work

PLAYER HAS ORGANIZED

ford; vice president, Stephen Lukacs, to show him who was who. been paid in.

M'COY SHADED BY ROSS IN SLEEPY GO THAT CROWD HOOTS

The sleeping privilege when Al Mc-Cov fights ought to be worth a piece of money. You could take to the feathers and be sure you hadn't missed anything. If the middleweight champion always travels at the gait he exhibited in his bout with Hugh Ross last night you could find more excitement in a fierce tussle at check-

McCoy was called champion. And McCoy is a left hander by trade, so pear to take the bout very seriously.

If it looked as if Ross might stage a rally McCoy would wheel around and stroll the other way, grinning at the audience meanwhile. Under the circumstances Ross made an excellent showing. He at least tried to give an interesting display and landed quite quently on McCoy. There was not much force behind the blows, which failed to jar McCoy. When the champion landed there was plenty of steam but he didn't connect very often. Neither boxer was in danger at any time. Under the circumstances it would be fair to say that Ross shaded McCoy in a very tame 15-round bout. The semi-final had plenty of action while it lasted. Joe Grady of Dayton, O., was not strong enough to withstand Young McAuliffe's sturdy rushing and the local boy put over a knockout in the third. After the knockout in the third. After the bout, one of Grady's seconds made a speech, explaining that his boy had

exhibition of aggressive fighting Mc-Auliffe has given this year.

In the opener Frank Kenny was disqualified in the tenth for fouling Kayo Moran of East Bridgeport. The local boy was in agony as he was carried from the ring and a doctor was called to the dressing room. The bout vas an old time slugging match and until the disqualification Moran had done slightly better than Kenny. He had given Kenny lots of punishment, but had been unable to put the New

26TH BIRTHDAY

ine railroad in the central part of North Carolina is a little, sleepy vil-lage klawn as Clinton. It is just anleague baseball, and it would not be East he will not play again. long before he would be acquainted greatest southpaw in the game-ac-

The Rube-who is known as "J. C." according to Clinton vital statistics. ed his first league job with the Macon style." club in the Sally circuit. Rube creatclubs were bidding for Rube by the first of June, and the Macon club sold him to Cincinnati for \$3,500.

Thus it was that Benton, after less than two months of professional baseball experience, found himself wear-CHICAGO AMERICAN CLUB ing the Red livery of Cincinnati and a full-fledged major leaguer for the time being. Clarke Griffith, who was then the pilot of the Reds, used his find in about a dozen games during the remainder of the 1910 season, but Benton's work was only fairish and he didn't set the league afire. The Rube was still wearing a Cincinnati uniform when the 1911 season opened, but, after a couple of trials in the box, the Old Fox decided that his expen-The second game was a battle of uated this year from the U. of P. as works, and banished him to Chattanooga. In the Southern League that season Benton won eighteen and lost thirteen games, and in August he was recalled to Cincinnati.

When Hank O'Day took charge of the Reds in 1912 he made the Rube Brooklyn 34 The Connecticut Life-Like Baseball player, Incorporated, of Bridgeport, has filed its certificate of organization with the secretary of the state. The con's good work went for nothing, with the secretary of the state. The control of the state of the st right and advanced to second on Ol-son's sacrifice. Then, while the tary, A. Stein, all of New York. These had won eleven games and lost only St. Louis 26 Giants slept, Cutshaw stole third. Miller was purposely passed, but Robbie
also made a change and sent McCarty in to bat for Marquard.

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The Giants did not seem to be to 5,500 shares of stock, of which
The Giants did not seem to be to 7,500 shares are preferred and 5,000 pilot of the Reds, warned him several awake to the squeeze play and when McCarty dropped a slow roller to shares are common stock, par value times of the danger of such a fad, ward third, Cutshaw dashed madly \$10. The amount paid in in cash is \$1,000 and in property other. \$1,000 and in property other than cost stamps instead, the Rube went on his \$74,000. Lewis H. Corbit of Bridgeport is the principal stockholder, with 2,463 shares of preferred and all of night. When the inevitable accident came along in the Summer of 1913, The East Side Coal Co. of Bridge- the Rube was put on the blink for

> treasurer, Andrew Zitnay, Bridgeport, any better than he had with Tinker, These officers, with George Mehalkic, and during the period he remained Joseph Kahfus, Joseph Michalka, Geo. with Cincinnati he did not show more Banderick, Andrew Stempel, John Synthan occasional flashes of his old nek, Stephen Sutay, Andrew Galya form. Last August the Rube was sold and John Pulasky of Stratford, are to the Giants for \$3,000, and joined directors. The authorized capital McGraw's twirling staff. The Pirates stock is \$15,7000, divided into 157 offered \$4,000 for the big fellow shortshares of common stock, par value ly after the Giants had secured an The full amount of capital has opinion on him, and Herzog pulled off Cleveland the deal, but McGraw appealed to the New York 33

M'CANN MAY PREVENT DEAL SENDING CURRY TO HARTFORD

Second Game of Eastern Double Headers Only Seven Innings in Future.

(By Wagner.)

Manager Gene McCann of New London may prevent the deal by which Bridgeport was to send Jimmy Curry to Hartford in exchange for Outfielder Duggan. McCann sent Curry here un-The Casino was well filled with der an optional agreement and the faithful fans who went to see why New London leader, before he consented to the deal, wanted to know when it was all over they didn't know. whether Owner Clarkin of the Senators would pay the \$100 on the opperhaps that accounts for his strange conduct. He made a few wild swings at Ross occasionally, but didn't apmay be blocked.

> Manager Ball cleaned house a little yesterday by releasing Outfielder Steve Manning. Blake, the youngster sent from Buffalo, looked so promising in Saturday's game that it was decided he would be of more value to the is guaranteed \$100 a day while on the club than Manning. Steve is a good road so he is sure to get \$600 before hitter but wasn't satisfied in Bridgeport.

President Dan O'Neil has sent out orders that the second game of double headers in the future shall consist of seven innings. This is done to prevent the umpire calling the contest on account of darkness and causing complications.

George Spires, the veteran infielder, has been made manager of the Hartford club. He is a heady player who hit, the former Bridgeporter delivered ought to make good. The Senators a double and two triples against are after Jacklitsch, the former big league backstop, but he declined the game for the Giants.

weakened himself by making the weight for McAuliffe. It was the best No wonder Owner Dunn of the Cleveland club is popular with the dug up the ancient Fred Beebe yester- Bowdin, cf home fans. He has a system of rain day and the old timer walked into the Flaherty, c checks by which the fans can see an-other game on the coupons unless the White Sox. Beebe has been in and out full game has been played. In other of the big leagues so many times that

innings have been played the rain checks are no good. Dunn's latest idea to please the public is numbering the players. Each player wears a number on his sleeve and this corresponds to the names on the scoreboard so the crowd can identify the

Otto Deininger, Red Whalen and farty Walsh of the Bridgeport club Marty Walsh of the Bridgeport club saw the bouts at the Casino last night. so like other diamond artists they spent it by going to see the Chinese play the Bridgeport Stars.

The Bridgeport club will be on the road the remainder of the week. This will give Owner Cornen a chance to recover some o fhis recent losses. He

The Brooklawn club sent a strong team to Greenwich today to take part in the state golf championship. Among hose who represented the local organization are Robert Abbott, S. D. Bow-ers, W. Parker Seeley, John T. L. Hubbard, C. G. Waldo and Nate Wheeler.

Just as the New York writers were panning Benny Kauff for his failure to Brooklyn yesterday and won the first

You have to give Lee Fohl credit for Halback, rf, if ... making the unexpected moves. He Burns, 2b big league cities is four and one-half everybody thought he was through.

M'GRAW WANTS TO GIVE TESREAU FOR PITCHER SALLEE

Believes St. Louis Southpaw Would Be Great Bridgeport Stars 8, Chinese University Help to Giants.

New York, June 27—The St. Louis With a club that does not approach Ako (Downey). Struck out, by Ako National League club having declined the power of the Giants, Sallee has 9, by Finn 6. Wild pitches, Ako. lage klawn as Clinton. It is just another of those little cotton-and-tobacco county seat towns such as are prevalent in that part of Dixie, and to the telegraphed to Miller Huggins an ofnude eye of the casual visitor there is fer to trade Jeff Tesreau for the elonnothing to distinguish it from any
other similar community. A close observer would soon discover, however,
that the male citizens of Clinton have
since been under suspension. He defour years older than Tesreau. Ever

with the reason—"Rube" Benton, the to give Tesreau for Sallee came in the even worse than did Jack Pflester of to fame as the inventor of America's greatest southpaw in the game—acform of an announcement from John the Cubs. looking on, the Giants and Robins batonly supporter of mixed bouts when clied to a fifty-fifty split in their second the question of allowing them came slab prowess—was born in that bali-

Ebbets Field yesterday afternoon.

Led by Benjamin Michael Kauff, of Governor Whitman to remove any who mauled Joe Pfefer and Sherrod

Smith, the left-hander, for a brace of triples and a screaming two-bagger,

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ed quite a sensation in South Atlantic league authorities and was sustained. Detroit 33 circles, winning more than twice as While he has had his off days, Benton many games as he lost in the early has pitched some mighty fine ball for part of the season, and he had been the Giants so far, and it is likely that in uniform only a few weeks when under McGraw's management he will St. Louis 26 the big leagues began to dicker for steady down and become one of the Several of the major star hurlers of the National League.

National League

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	St. Louis	1	9	1
	At Boston-	R.	H.	E.
	Philadelphia	8	14	0
	Boston	5	6	2
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STANDING OF THE CLUBS. Won. Lost. P.C. 25

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GAMES TODAY. Washington in New York. Philadelphia in Boston. Chicago in Cleveland.

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GAMES TODAY. Bridgeport at Springfield. Lowell at New London. New Haven at Lynn. Lawrence at Portland. Hartford at Worcester

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CHINESE PLAYERS DISPLAY SPEED IN DEFEATING LOCALS

The heathen Chinee forgot all bout his native game of fan-tan yesterday when he backed his baseballknowledge against the Bridgepore Stars at New field park. The Chinese University players kicked the pale faces around by 3 to 1 and a few extra quarts of chop suey were openedl ast night in the chop stick sorts. A reception committee of col-lar and cuff boys went to the game in a taxi, driven by Jimmy the Student, who had his mustache newly ironed

in honor of the event.

The Orientals displayed great skill in the national nuisance. jabbering away in foreign lingo they shouted "lotta life now," "the old pep," just like regular professionals. They proved to be good fielders and

hard hitters when they connected.

Ako, the pitcher, had a roundhouse curve which kept inside and thereby bothered the locals. The score was is guaranteed \$100 a day while on the 1 to 1 until the ninth when the Chinese tapped Speed Finn for two runs and victory. The score:

Chinese University.

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Bridgeport Stars. O'Connell, c Downey, 3b Hurley, lf Horkheimer, ss ... Clark, 1b 4

Two-base hits-Y. Chin, Suan, Flaherty, Halback, Yim, Three base hits, Ayau, J. Chin. Sacrifice hits, 6. First base on errors, Chinese University 1. Bridgeport Stars 1. Bases on balls, off Finn 2, off Ako 2. Hit by pitcher, by Finn (Yim, Dot); by Umpire, Silva. Time, 1:45.

BASEBALL

The father of baseball was Abner Doubleday, who was born in Ballston He de- four years older than Tesreau. Ever day, June 26, 1819, and died in Mendthat the male citizens of China and the usual interest in big clares that unless he is traded or sold since he joined the Cardinals in 1908 ham, N. J., in 1893. He was a distance has been a thorn in the sides of tinguished general of the Union army The news that McGraw was willing the Giants. He has picked on them in the civil war, but his greatest claim McGraw re- will remember Sallee as a member of originated the game to which the name the Yankees, in 1907, for the reason of baseball was given, and which was fused to discuss the matter.

"McGraw believes Sallee to be one that Clark Griffith did not give him a an adaptation and development of the game between regular clubs was played in Hoboken, N. J., two New York teams contesting. The first baseball .533 association, an amateur organization, .533 was launched in 1857, and in the same .500 year Henry Chadwick, who shares 433 with Gen. Doubleday the title of "fath-.304 er of baseball," published the first official rule book. The first regular baseball plant was built in Brooklyn in 1862. A. J. Reach was the first professional ball player, having been hired by the Philadelphia Athletics, who lured him away from Brooklyn, in 1864. The first all-professional club was the Cincinnati Red Stockings of 1869, and the first professional circuit, the National Association, was launched in 1871, becoming the National League in 1876. The first minor league, called the International, start-

BASEBALL BITS

The reorganized Athletics are making a worse showing this year than last. Connie Mack doesn't know what to make of them.

Daubert, Wheat and Cutshaw are he whole Brooklyn team outside of the batteries.

The Robins still can be strengthen-bed at shortstop. Olson cannot hit and O'Mara is erratic in fielding.

McGraw's men will be glad to go West again. They are figuring on another winning streak away from

Eddie Collins is batting at a . 241

clip. His surprising slump has kept the White Sox in the second division. But he'll draw his \$15,000 salary just the same. Twenty major league players are

batting in the .300 class, nine in the National League and eleven in the American. The pitchers still have the upper hand. Pipp of the Yankees is among the

leading ten sluggers in the American similar honors in the National. The Yankees have made fifty-two

double plays and excel the other mafor league teams in this line of whele

Carey of the Pirates and Cobb of the Tigers lead the big leagues in stealing bases with 21 and 19 respec-